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Mr. Editor Lampson: There is a class of men and women in this, as in other communities, who delight in making a bad thing worse, by exaggerating its faults, and by spreading rumors, lying innuendoes and scandalizing insinuations on men and women whose characters would, in private and generally, be a striking contrast to those of the light as investigation could be thrown on them. It seems to be a favorite hobby for them to go the bad way. "Tells the darkest truth" and their foul tongues and malicious lies—nearly always the creation of their deluded imagination—are trained to men and women who deserve the commendation of all good people and who fortunately are good against their defamations.

[The above communication is pretty strong in its statements, but we have no doubt of the truth of its allegations; and we give place to it because we feel that it contains a good lesson. Thanks to a practice that is altogether too prevalent in most communities, particularly in this. It sometimes becomes necessary to administer rebukes in order that thoughtful people may be made aware of the danger of an unbridled tongue, and to remind all that most people live in "glass houses." Ep.]

We publish the above to help Lampson out. We really recognize the strength and truthfulness of what is said, and sympathize with the good people of Lampson that they should have among them those who are so wickedly contemptible, and unkindly mean as to participate in "lying innuendoes and scandalizing insinuations" about their neighbors. As none of the above is applicable here in San Saba we feel at liberty to say what we please. In thinking of the above the "snake in the grass" has a charming character.

A sound, strong statement of what is right and why it is right, of what is wrong and why it is wrong, is a most useful foundation for any other moral or religious training that may follow with the young. From the lack of this plain and reasonable knowledge comes much of the confusion of mind which fails to detect the sophistry with which self-interest will plead against the calls of honor and duty. People drift into wrong-doing of every kind far easier than they plunge into it, and the lack of a clear conception and a thorough comprehension of its nature from the beginning is frequently the first cause.—Ex.

If all religious people could be impressed with the importance of "speaking the truth in love," it would not be long before there would be a better understanding between them and those to whom they differ. Let us then then not to declare the whole councils of God, but declare it in love; then the gospel becomes "the power of God unto salvation to all them that believe."—Ex.

San Saba is to have a roller mill. A company has been organized with a capital stock of \$20,000. The capacity of the mill is to be 100 barrels per day.—Brownwood Beacon.

Right you are, Bro. Banner, except that we already have one splendid roller mill, 50 barrels capacity, and this one to which you refer is a new mill. San Saba is to have two mills with a combined capacity of 110 barrels per day.

The Third party counties are: Blanco, Bandera, Borden, Caldwell, Chambers, Coke, Comanche, Delta, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Ford, Hamilton, Houston, Jack, Jones, Kerrison, Kerr, Lampson, Llano, Madison, Medina, Mills, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Polk, Rains, Sabine, San Augustine, San Saba, Somerville, Tarrant, Trinity, Walker and Wilcox.—Ex.

More bonds! This time it is the Nicaragua Canal Company. The company proposes to ask the federal government to guarantee the interest on \$100,000,000 of the bonds of the company. Suppose the rate of interest to be 5 per cent, the annual sum would be \$5,000,000. If this canal is a public necessity, let the government create full legal tender treasury notes in such sums as may be necessary to pay for its construction, own the canal, own one, and then increase the circulation.—Mercury.

Education is to the human soul what sculpture is to a block of marble. For the want of it many a good, great-souled, noble man has lived and died unknown. Education and brain its directing power and genius its way.—Mercury.

It is supposed that Governor Hogg's message to the Twenty Third Legislature will be a master piece, and will knock the stuffing out of the calamity howlers.

It has appeared that the Third party was after reform in governmental affairs, that they were seeking a betterment of their condition, and that the party sprang into existence not because they loved a new party but because they were driven to it by the extreme measures of the party in power, and through the touchings of a non-political organization they saw the necessity of reform, hence created the Third party. But now since the party in power is defeated and the democratic party is put in power, this party, the Populist party, claiming all along that they were democrats, are already preparing for battle again. If it is reform in governmental affairs or betterment of the masses, it would seem advisable on their part to wait results. If the democratic party satisfies their needs what more could be desired? But perhaps they are working on the old basis that it is impossible to satisfy the dissatisfied. Hatred breeds hatred and hatred breeds will in time produce ruin. There is no battle yet to be fought, why not disband the forces, lay the war weapons to rest and await further developments. The Populist leaders are making great noise over their "Glorious victory." Where is their victory? Not surely in national contest as Weaver carried but a very few states. Not in our state contest as Nugent was the third man in the race, the two democratic candidates each received a handsome majority over Nugent. Not in our congressional contest as Panchal got more votes than both the Third party and republican candidates together. Not in the senatorial contest as Presler got a neat majority. Not in the representative contest as Brown was elected by a good vote. Then where is the "Glorious victory"? It is not our purpose to wage war as the Third party, nor to deride their intentions, nor to rob them of their purpose, but we would ask them to abide the results of the last election, unless they are intent upon opposing both the old parties and firmly resolved to create permanently a new party. If such be their intentions, if they are resolved to wage war from now until next election, if they are determined to keep up political warfare all through these years of peace, then all we can say is go, wage war in time of peace and when war comes be peaceful.

However we will close by impressing you to lay your weapons to rest, disband your forces, go quietly to business and peacefully await further developments.

Who wants our government? The right man. Who says the tax? Answer: The poor man.—People's Advocate.

Well, did anybody ever hear of such unassisted nonsense? "As I have Texas," says Mr. E. W. Watkins of New York in a letter published in the Fort Worth Star, "the great need is more industrial enterprise and less political controversy." And Mr. Watkins is mighty right about it.

An iron bridge now spans the Colorado river at Llano—Coleman Voice.

Bro. Tucker should take a few lessons in the geography of our country.

With Mills in the Senate and Culbertson in the Cabinet Texas will be well represented at the national capital.

It has been said that President Harrison's message was the longest "obituary" ever printed on the American soil.

President Harrison's volubility is "length and sweetness long drawn out."

The Living Issues, a Third party paper of Brownwood has suspended publication for the present.

The indications are that Hon. B. Q. Mills will be re-elected to the senate.

San Saba county has 17,220 acres of unimproved school land.

Uncle Sam has 2700 tons of silver bullion.

The unemployed area of Canada is 1,000,000 square miles.

Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade held its annual meeting on Monday night last, for the purpose of electing seven directors for the next year, and to hear reports from the various committees.

President Martin called the house to order at 7:30 and introduced Col. G. S. Jones to deliver the annual address. The Colonel spoke of the good work done by the Board during its six months of existence and what it proposed to do in the future; after calling attention to the organization and work done by the new milling company, and of the great benefits to be derived by farmers and business men by the establishment of the new flouring mill with a capacity of sixty barrels per day and an organized capital of \$20,000. He said that the next more and the important question for our people to consider at once was railroad connection with the outside world.

The By-laws were then read by the secretary, and on motion the order of business was suspended, when Dr. Sanderson of the membership committee reported the names of eighteen new members and recommended that they be elected which was done at once to give the new members a chance to vote.

On motion the old Board of Directors were re-elected to serve for the next twelve months viz: J. H. Martin, N. D. Liddstone, John Seiders, George Harris, E. L. Rector, G. H. Hagan and W. B. Leverett.

The Railroad committee reported progress, and recommended that a committee be appointed to raise funds for immediate use.

The Entertainment, Finance, Advertising and Printing, Immigration, Streets and Roads, Manufactures and Membership committees made their reports and the reports were adopted.

Resolution by G. H. Hagan requiring members to pay one dollar each by Jan. 1st and fifty cents per quarter thereafter to meet the expenses of the association, was read and adopted and a motion by Col. Jones to strike out that portion of the By-laws in conflict with the foregoing resolution was also adopted.

On motion a committee of three John Seiders, Tom Ward and Ed House were appointed to raise \$250 to defray the expenses of the Railroad committee. Adjourned.

During the last year about 5000 acres of farming land were opened up and put in cultivation. With the new roller mill going up, our wheat market will be enlarged; this will of course afford an opportunity for opening up more land.

As our town provides markets, our agricultural interest, which are the substance and support of any country, will develop and improve.

Our custom has been that the wheat producers would ship the surplus to other markets, and our grocery men would purchase their flour in foreign markets. But now the two mills will be able to supply not only our local market but command a large trade outside our own county. So as we develop enterprise we afford means of developing our country, as our country develops we all receive a proportionate profit. Therefore if we could get a railroad a market for all products of the country would be opened up. More stock would be raised, because the means for shipping would be better and easier. Soon every acre of tillable land would be in cultivation. Our country would prosper, new industries would develop, and with the natural advantages we have our country would be among the leading counties of the state. This railroad is not an impossibility. A stock company here with \$75,000 capital could put the railroad here. Two propositions could be submitted. The one to the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe road and Goldfield, the other to the Southern Pacific road and Llano. These propositions with a \$75,000 capital would put the road here. With a railroad here land through the county now worth from \$2 to \$10 per acre would increase in value to \$10 to \$25 per acre, while town property would quadruple its present value. Therefore a railroad stock company here would by no means be a wild and speculative scheme, but an investment with paying results. Business men of our town and county, do a little coddling of these facts in your mind and see at what conclusion you will arrive.

MAN'S IMMORTALITY.

Is there a life beyond the grave? Ten thousand times this question hath been answered, yet answer there is none that satisfies the soul.

Never yet did man look into the cold face of her he loved and not feel, creeping like a thousand-fanged snake into his desolate heart, the awful fear that death's end of all. Never yet did mother stand by her first-born's bier and say, "Thank God for death that bringeth to my beloved eternal life."

The Bible was piled as high as Pelion and every son of Adam a white-robed priest, proclaiming the grave the gate to glorious life, still would Death, twin brother of Despair, linger ever at that dread portal, and Love long to tear aside Fate's awful veil—to see and know, as only these can know who see, that death is but life's messenger.

Oh Love! thou art at once the sweetest blossom that ever perfumed the bowers of Paradise, and the most poignant thorn that ever grew in the unpoisoned shadow of everlasting Pain! But for the mad sorcerer, every individual life were a microcosm, complete within itself; we would live but our own life, without our own joys, and, dying, descend without a sigh to ever-dreamless sleep; but thy soft fingers do sweep the human harp; and the ethereal "mass" in music of delight; the single note of life is blended with others in holy diapason, sweeter than fabled songs of Locaef.

But what the penalty of this terrestrial Paradise, this blending of human hearts in heavenly harmony. The added pleasure brings redoubled pain; of symphonies so sweet is born the discord of Despair. Loving others more than our proper selves, we wound and hurt and death to their death and hell to us.

Of love was born the hope of immortality. We part from those we love and dear that they seem our better selves, looking with longing eyes to the glad to-morrow when we shall meet again; but when comes the sleep of Death, and Reason, that pitiless moulder of the mind, proclaims that all the to-morrows in Time's feeble womb will come and go and bring them never back to our fond embrace, the heart recoils and wars on Destiny.

Hope! dear daughter of the gods, angel of light! what seraphic visions thou dost weave for us in thy celestial loom! How beautiful and bright the star that glazes upon thy ethereal brow; how oft obscured by the deadly vapors of Doubt and dark Despair!

Is thy enchanted world a world indeed, where Love is lord and Death is driven forth; or dost thou seek to soothe us with lying pictures of Paradise, such as the shipwrecked mariner in tragic seas beholds beneath the entry brine?

Is thy heaven a very truth a star shining coral in our commercial sky, a guide-infallible to life's worn voyager, or a wandering fire such as the foolish follow—a lying flame that lends the trusting traveler to his loss?

Since man first placed his foot upon the earth he hath been fastening with greedy ears to thy sweet song; since Death first did show his horrid front thou hast been whispering to the stricken heart that love could never die—that there is not, cannot be, in nature's pang so cruel as Love's farewell forever. Thus has been the world's comforter in all ages past, with faithful prove through the long ages yet to be.

Is there a life beyond the grave? Aye, it must be so; but what that life will be boots not to inquire. Even a land of sand and thorns, with grinding toil yet everlasting life with those we love were heaven enough.

Perhaps—who knows?—the sweet blending our lives with other and dearer ones upon this earth is but a curtain of what will be in the great hereafter; that when every spark of that bright effulgence is released from its thrall of clay, all Life and Love will forever blend in One; that husband, wife and child, and each and all the human heart holds dear, will be resolved into one perfect Life, and thus at once in God and self, sympathized in one other's souls in heaven as in the loving arms of each on earth, let Eternity roll out—Bran in Eternity!

The Mexican frontier near Laredo has experienced another small battle; something similar to the Garza racket.

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Total value of the four leading crops with only one half of the tillable land in actual cultivation reaches the sum of \$13,782,600.

Such will be the condition of our county when the agricultural interests have been brought to that degree of development and perfection that the very nature of the county affords.

Ex-Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, has a new joke. It runs thus: Pat was about to die. The priest had been called and had administered the last services. Then he said, "Pat is there anything else you desire?" "Yes," said Pat, "I want to be buried in a Third party grave yard." "Why Pat," said the priest, "why is that?" "Well your reverence," said Pat, "a Third party graveyard is the last place the devil would look for a Democrat."

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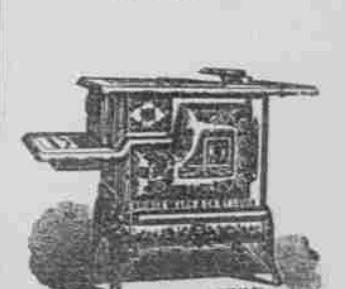
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